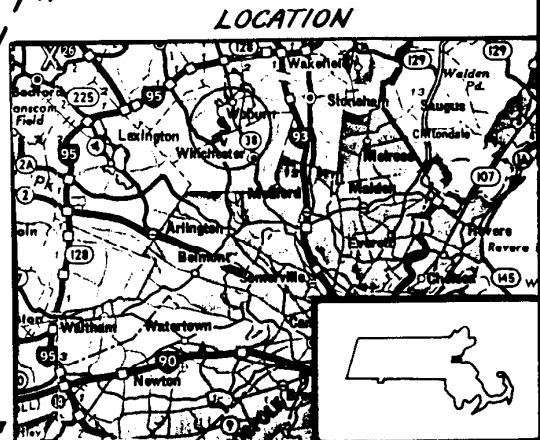




HORN POND (WOBURN) AREA = 102 Acres

NOT TO BE USED FOR NAVIGATIONAL PURPOSES



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General Information:

This 102 acre raised natural great pond is located a half-mile south of Woburn Center. Maximum depth is 40 feet; average depth 10 feet. Transparency (in summer at least) is only fair at six feet. Aquatic vegetation is scant except in a few coves and shallows, although algae often becomes abundant during the warm months.

Despite the fact that the pond is located in an urban area, a high proportion of the immediate shoreline has been retained and is open to fishing. Access is provided by a paved ramp, suitable only for small boats and canoes, located at the south end of the pond just west of the outlet. **The ramp closes at 8 P.M.**, so plan to have any watercraft out before then. Shore fishermen can enjoy their sport around the clock.

Fish Populations:

A fisheries survey conducted during the summer of 1982 recorded 13 species: yellow perch, largemouth bass, pumpkinseed, bluegill, killifish, chain pickerel, golden shiner, carp, white sucker, brook trout, yellow bullhead, brown bullhead and black crappie. Yellow perch appear to be the dominant species by a fairly wide margin. Thousands of trout (primarily rainbows, but also browns and brookies) are stocked here every year. The majority of these fish are stocked in the spring, but the pond is also stocked with trout in the fall. When available, broodstock salmon are also stocked.

Fishing:

One of the most heavily fished trout waters in the entire District, Horn Pond provides excellent trout action throughout the spring and fall months. Due to the heavy fishing pressure and the very limited amount of cold water habitat remaining during the summer, it is doubtful that many trout "carry over" from one season to the next, but due to the high number of fish stocked, trout are available throughout much of the year.

Unlike many heavily fished trout ponds, this one also supports a good panfish and largemouth bass fishery, providing action year round. The best bass fishing — after the trout pressure has dwindled — is in late spring and on summer nights and evenings. The bullhead and carp populations are also cooperative at this time. (But remember that night fishing must be conducted from shore due to the city's 8 P.M. closure of the boat ramp.) Chain pickerel, and especially the large population of yellow perch, provide good ice fishing action during the winter. In short, this pond has such a wealth of native and stocked fisheries resources that, regardless of the season, it is unlikely to disappoint any determined fisherman.

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